

SENATE BILL 3153

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 65, relative to service areas of cellular communications providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, is amended by adding the following as a new part to be appropriately designated:

Section 47-18-2801. Any provider of cellular communication services doing business in Tennessee shall publish and furnish to its customers, prospective consumers, and to the consumer division of the office of the attorney general and reporter an accurate map of its service area, including areas within such service area where there is no service or inadequate signals to support viable communication services.

Section 47-18-2802. Information furnished by providers of cellular communication services pursuant to Section 47-18-2801, shall be updated on a quarterly basis and shall delineate, in sufficient detail as to reasonably inform consumers, areas of inadequate signal or interruption of service in detail and shall accurately depict the location of cellular towers within such service area.

Section 47-18-2803.

(a) Failure to furnish information on a timely basis to the consumer division of the office of the attorney general and reporter as by this act shall result in a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day such violation continues.

(b) Failure to furnish such information on a timely basis to customers and prospective customers shall provide existing customers with adequate grounds to cancel such customers' existing service with the service provider.

SECTION 2. The attorney general and reporter is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations to effectuate the implementation of provisions of this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.